

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Harold M. Forman et al
For: RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND APPARATUS
Serial No.: DIVISIONAL APP. of 09/693,963
Parent App. Filed 10/23/2000
In Group Art Unit 3727
Examiner: Jes F. Pascua

1042 Camp Trail Road
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December 14, 2001

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the enclosed true copy of the above-identified parent application as follows. Also enclosed is a clean copy of this divisional application as amended in accordance with the following.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, at the top, delete the title and insert in lieu thereof --- COMPOSITE WEB FOR MAKING RESEALABLE PACKAGES AND RECLOSABLE SEALS ---

Page 1, line 2, before the period (.), insert --- and is a divisional of copending application serial number 09/693,963 filed on 10/23/2000 ---

Page 1, line 3, at the end of the line insert --- composite webs of packaging material for making ---;

Page 1, line 11, after "continuous" insert --- composite ---, and after "flexible" insert --- packaging ---;

Page 1, line 30, before "technology" delete "film and strip" and insert --- composite web";

Page 2, cancel lines 32 through 35;

Page 2, line 36, cancel "A further" and insert --- Accordingly, it is a primary ---;

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In re application of Harold M. Forman and Trevor G. Smith
For RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND APPARATUS
Serial No. 09/693,963
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Examiner:

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REVISED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 3/28/01 requiring revision of the Preliminary Amendment filed 3/21/01, some typographical errors have been noted in claims 54, 55, and 68, and it is requested that the following corrections be entered.

Clean versions of claims 54, 55, and 68

54. A method of making a reclosable interlocking seal having a female outer part and a male inner part for a resealable package having front and back faces, consisting of the steps of,

- a) forming a longitudinally sealed cylindrical tube of packaging film with a thermoformable strip secured to the film inside the tube in substantially ends-abutting relationship, and with the surface of the strip not secured to the film in facing relationship within the tube,
- b) moving the portion of the tube within which the strip is disposed between a pair of spaced apart heated male and female forming dies,
- c) moving said dies toward one another to press the face of the strip not secured to the film against itself to form two apposed strip faces extending entirely across the film tube, and continuing to move said dies toward one another into mating position and forming the central part of the strip extending across the film tube into the recess of said female die to form the